



Mid-Hudson Love INC

Love In the Name of Christ

Building Relationships • Restoring Hope • Transforming Lives

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Our Mission

To engage local churches
to transform lives
and our community
In the Name of Christ

Our Core Values

We are Christian. Everything we think, say, and do is In the Name of Christ.

Prayer is an integral part of who we are.

We follow Christ's example in valuing people in need.

We value unity in the Body of Christ. That is reflected by a unity of purpose in serving our neighbors in need.

We value transformation in the lives of people and communities.

We value churches living out the two Great Commandments to love God and love their neighbors.

We value building Christ-like relationships.

We value connectedness in the Love INC Movement.

We model excellence.

We value continually maturing in our capacity to meet people's needs.



Redemptive Compassion® is a biblical philosophy on how we can offer wholistic help to those we serve. It has evolved over fifteen years of working daily with people who find themselves struggling with needs in their life and unable to overcome them on their own.

We offer an informative 5 session Redemptive Compassion study. If your church or small group would like to convene a study group, please send an email to director@mhinc.org. If you would like to attend a study group, please look for details of one being planned for 1Q 2021.



Director's Message

John Marrine, Executive Director

To say 2020 has been a challenging year would be an understatement. But it is through the passion of our staff and volunteers that we have been able to overcome these challenges. We, along with the local churches, continue to be active in our community in supporting the needs of our neighbors through our Gap Ministry pantries, Relational Ministry classes, one-on-one Coaching, and Clearing-house support, prayer and encouragement.

In spite of the pandemic, the Love INC network:

- Reached out to assist neighbors, during the COVID Pause period, in meeting emergency needs and made 365 check-in calls to neighbors to support, encourage and pray for them.
- Presented ten unique class offerings with 62 enrollments hosted by three local churches
- Heard countless testimonies from participants about the impact of community on their life
- United 200 volunteers in service across denominational lines
- Built a renewed vision on Redemptive Compassion, illustrating how to serve individuals in need wholistically - physically, emotionally, relationally, and spiritually
- Kicked off a Coaching program for motivated neighbors
- Served approximately 225 neighbor households with resources

As we look to 2021, I'm confident, with God leading the way, this Mid-Hudson Love INC family can overcome any obstacles in achieving our goals.

Thank you for all you do to support Mid-Hudson Love INC! ~ John

The Lord will guide me continually. Isaiah 58:11

Love Stories - Building Relationships

♥ From a conversation with a neighbor during a recent delivery of personal care, a volunteer reported the neighbor saying how he is very grateful for the items and all the ways people of Love INC have helped him. As a result, he now "tries to pay it forward by volunteering at a food pantry at a local church".

♥ Through the delivery of personal care, a neighbor and volunteer met for the first time. As they talked the neighbor shared that she would start a new part-time job that week and needed suitable work clothes, specifically black pants and a black shirt. The volunteer happened to have the right size of these clothes in a bag to donate and gave it to the neighbor. The neighbor stated how grateful she is for the prayer support when looking for a new job after losing her previous one in the COVID shutdown and for the kindness from an unexpected source.

♥ During a follow-up call with a neighbor, a clearinghouse volunteer heard of a neighbor's unfortunate change in their circumstances. The neighbor explained her story of how she and her husband and a small child lived at a shelter in the area and that once her husband abandoned her, the agency moved her to a new shelter (one that is known to be rather unkept and dirty) and she had to reapply for benefits since the previous ones were in her husband's name. The volunteer listened at length, offering comfort and prayer to her. The neighbor further explained that the new shelter did not provide breakfast and she did not have any money of her own. That day the volunteers in the clearinghouse decided to reach out to her, letting her know that someone cared for her life, by providing the breakfast food for her and her child. Volunteers continue to check on her to pray with and support her, as well as help connect her to resources for food.

♥ A Building Hope II student thanked Love INC for providing complimentary gloves, sanitizer and masks and commented "It really shows that you guys care about us, and that means a lot".

Save the Date!

Evening of Contemporary Worship Music



Saturday, November 14, 2020 • 7:00 pm

**Changepoint Church
260 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie**

Featuring Terry Dunham and Godsown

Limited seating - Reservations required.

Email: concert@mhlinc.org to reserve
OR Visit mid-hudsonloveinc.com
for other simulcast locations.

**A free will offering will be received to benefit
Mid-Hudson Love In The Name of Christ.**

GIVING TUESDAY

December 1, 2020

GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world.

GivingTuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Over the past seven years, it has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

Join the movement and give. Help us help others through this international day of charitable giving.

Go to www.mid-hudsonloveinc.org to donate.

Annual Trapp Family Lodge Vacation Fundraiser



Situated on 2,500 acres in beautiful Stowe, Vermont, Trapp Family Lodge is an unique mountain resort featuring Austrian-inspired architecture and European-style accommodations. The Lodge offers stunning mountain views, old-world comforts, and impeccable service, along with activities for every season.

**Find out how you can get a vacation
at this beautiful Stowe, VT resort
at mid-hudsonloveinc.org.**

Relational Ministry

The Post-Class survey for the first Affirming Potential class revealed:

1. 50% of the graduates reported an increased sense of hope, value, and unique purpose.
2. 9 out of 10 class participants indicated they planned to making positive changes as a result of the class.
3. Student comments: "I learned to plan things out before acting"; "I am more open to change than I was before"; "I budget better and make my budget every month".

The Post-Class survey from a recent Building Hope II class revealed:

1. 85% of the graduates reported learning new information and skills that they will use in everyday life.
2. Student comments: Inspired by the class on healthy eating, one student decided to make healthier choices for breakfast each morning. Another participant wanted the class to know that he used the gift card he received in class to buy healthy food. His food purchases included salad, dressing, and orange juice.

You Can Make a Difference

Please go to www.mid-hudsonloveinc.org to find out the different ways that you can donate by clicking on the DONATE button. Every purchased item and dollar donated matters.

Also, please don't forget to use AMAZON SMILE
(Smile.Amazon.com) and designate Mid-Hudson Love INC
as the recipient of the donation.



Our volunteers are key in realizing the Mid-Hudson Love INC mission to engage local churches to transform lives and our community In the Name of Christ. We thank you all for your unwavering support. If you would like to volunteer, please go to www.mid-hudsonloveinc.org under the 'Partnerships' tab to find out more information.

Thank You for making a difference!

Thank You!

Fill The Truck

The Mid-Hudson Love INC 'Fill The Truck' event to provide class incentives was a success thanks to YOU.



The truck was FILLED TO OVERFLOWING!! In just two days, you supplied the notebooks, snacks, bottled water, gift cards, groceries, cleaning supplies, personal care items and more that will be given to our neighbors as class incentives in both our Fall classes in session now and our Winter classes starting in January.

THANK YOU to all that supported this event!

**Have You Visited Our Updated Website
@ www.mid-hudsonloveinc.org?**



Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates, announcements and photos.